

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The outstanding Communication of March 8, 2005, closed prosecution on the merits under Ex parte Quayle and indicated this application was in condition for allowance with Claims 9-14 and 21-24. The only objection in the Communication was the presence of non-elected and withdrawn claims 1-8 and 15-20, which were requested to be canceled to place the application in condition for allowance.

In response to the noted Communication, each of withdrawn claims 1-8 and 15-20 is hereby canceled without prejudice so that only allowed claims 9-14 and 21-24 are pending. Thus, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

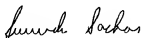
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